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HARDING BACKS LODGE'S PLANS FOR PACIFIC TREATY

Four Power Pacific Treaty Will Be Pressed Until Final Vote Is Taken.

NEW WILL OPEN FIGHT

Administration Claims Defeat Would Imperil 5-3 Treaty Also.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The four-power Pacific treaty will be taken up Monday by the senate and discussed every day thereafter until a vote on ratification is obtained, under a program said to have been agreed to at a conference today between President Harding and Sen. Lodge, of Massachusetts, republican leader.

Administration spokesmen, it was announced, will open the fight for ratification of the treaty, with Sen. New, of Indiana, a close personal friend of the president and a republican member of the foreign relations committee, speaking Monday, and Sen. Kellogg, of Minnesota, another republican, on Tuesday. Sen. Lodge, it was said, also will speak soon and present some of the arguments of the administration in support of ratification.

Harding Approves Plan. President Harding was said to be in complete accord with Sen. Lodge's plans for proceeding with the arms conference treaties. Their conference at the white house today gave immediate, technical right of way to the department of justice to create a number of additional federal judges, but subjected to debate on the four-power treaty. It is not Sen. Lodge's intention to force the treaty for the next few days, but soon, it was announced, the administration would push them to the front and hold them before the senate to the exclusion of all other business.

It is stated that President Harding concurs with Sen. Lodge's program of giving the four-power treaty precedence over the naval, Chinese and other treaties of the arms conference, although some republican senators have been of the opinion that the naval treaty ought first be taken up.

One of the strong arguments advanced by the administration forces, it was learned, involves the question of priority of the treaties. Friends of the four-power treaty, it was said, were prepared to insist that opposition to the arms conference measure would imperil the naval limitation agreement—that it would be dangerous to ratify the naval treaty without ratification of the four-power treaty. This point, it was said, would be based on the argument that if the four-power Pacific measure had been rejected the United States could not safely consent to limitation of the American navy with the other powers, and since in effect and with the possibility of war in the Pacific, which it is contended the four-power treaty would minimize.

Those supporting the four-power treaty expressed the opinion today that its opponents would hesitate to vote against its ratification if they should realize that such a vote would imperil the naval agreement. It is contended, however, that a hard and probably long fight faces the four-power measure.

ADMITS KILLING GIRL

BALTIMORE, March 4.—Adolph Phil, a chauffeur, surrendered to the police today confessing he had killed Clara Stone, eight-year-old school girl, whose body was found a week ago in Duncan's woods.

J. FAITHFUL Hylan, NEW YORK'S MAYOR, KING OF THE YAPS

NEW YORK, March 4.—Gov. Miller, Mayor Hylan and politicians of city and state, saw themselves burlesqued tonight at the annual dinner of the Association of City Hall Reporters. In a facetious comedy, New York City seemed from state and nation and was towed out beyond the three-mile limit and was rechristened the Island of Yap, with "John Faithful Hylan" ruling as "king of the Yaps."

"Comptroller Craig" wrote a character giving himself all powers not held by the official bottlegger. The government discussed disarmament with the "open door" for William Randolph Hearst and Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, and the "closed door" for the "republican press" and the traction trust.

The "city club sissies" were ordered boiled in a big kettle, and "Murphy" was found to have ordered "Al Smith," the former governor, executed, "to please Hearst."

S. M. Meyer, chairman of the legislative committee, which investigated the city administration, and Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Lockwood investigating committee, were dubbed the "mice brothers," and they conducted investigations.

"Doc Copeland," health commissioner, was boomed as the "greatest publicity hound since old Doc Cook."

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Accuses Lindsay Of Trying to Add France to Dupes

NEW YORK, March 4.—Alfred E. Lindsay, under seven indictments for fleecing society women out of large sums of money, was accused today by his former associate, Dr. Knute Arvid Enlid, of having planned to sell the French government three and a half million tons of phosphates from mines pictured in the Florida Everglades.

Dr. Enlid, indicted for grand larceny, was quoted by officials as having said Lindsay did not own the mines at the time nor the place where they were supposed to be, but was confident of financing a scheme to acquire them. Under this reported scheme, Dr. Enlid was to go to France to conduct negotiations with the Paris government.

Dr. Enlid said he had only known Lindsay since 1918, when the broker was a private detective and strikebreaker.

MELVILLE BUILDING WILL BE NEW HOME FOR CITY MISSION

Supt. Ray Bird Has Option for Acquisition of Lafayette Street Property.

The City Rescue Mission, E. Jefferson Blvd., will purchase the Melville building, 212-214 S. Lafayette Blvd., for use in carrying on its work on a larger scale. It was announced last night by Rev. Ray A. Bird, superintendent of the mission. The Rescue Mission, whose members numbered between 100 and 200 persons up until Christmas, has grown by leaps and bounds since 1918. At present, the mission is housed in the Melville building, which was built in 1908 and is now owned by the Melville family. The mission is a non-sectarian organization and is open to all who are in need of help. It provides food, clothing, and shelter for the homeless and the destitute. The mission is also a place of worship and a center for social and religious activities.

With the growth of the mission, the need for a larger building has become apparent. The Melville building, which is a large, modern structure, is well suited for the mission's needs. The mission is currently negotiating with the Melville family for the purchase of the building. If the purchase is successful, the mission will be able to expand its work and provide more help to those in need.

Hold \$40,000 Option. The Knights of Pythias held an option on the Melville building for \$40,000. They had intended to purchase the building and convert it into a hotel. However, the mission's interest in the building has superseded the Knights' plan. The mission is currently in a position to exercise its option on the building. If it does so, the Knights will lose their option.

Officers of the Knights of Pythias have been informed of the mission's interest in the building. They have been asked to withdraw their option. The mission is currently in a position to exercise its option on the building. If it does so, the Knights will lose their option. The mission is currently in a position to exercise its option on the building. If it does so, the Knights will lose their option.

The terms of the option state that \$20,000 must be made as an initial payment and the remaining \$20,000 paid in three years. Supt. Bird announced today that the first payment of \$20,000 has been made. This has been done without any public campaign whatsoever.

At the present time the Melville building is occupied by the Hager Chemical Co. and the Herald Review and Publishing Co. on the ground floor, with the Progress club on the second floor. The lease held by the Progress club expires June 1, and that of the Hager Co. on Oct. 1. Although they have said they are willing to move before then, while the lease of the Herald Co. has three years to run.

When the building has been cleared of its present tenants, an auditorium will be formed on the ground floor, while the upper floors will be made into class and meeting rooms.

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NEWBERRY CASE IS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Arkansas Senator to Ask Investigation of Poindexter's Charges.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Another partisan discussion over the case of Sen. Newberry, republican, Michigan, to a seat in the senate, a question decided early in January, took place in the senate again today. At this conclusion, Sen. Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, announced that on Monday he would introduce a resolution calling for an investigation of charges made several weeks ago by Sen. Poindexter, republican, Washington, that influences had been brought to bear to secure the nomination of Newberry to the senate. Sen. Caraway said that he would introduce a resolution calling for an investigation of charges made several weeks ago by Sen. Poindexter, republican, Washington, that influences had been brought to bear to secure the nomination of Newberry to the senate.

The discussion was precipitated by Mr. Caraway, who sought to answer a letter put into the record three weeks ago by Mr. Poindexter, and in which the charges of malice influences were made. Nearly three weeks followed of a review of the testimony both in the Newberry court trial and the senate hearings, but few senators remained to listen, the debate being confined to Mr. Caraway and Mr. Poindexter.

DEATH TOTAL MOUNTS TO 15 IN BUS CRASH

At Least One More of Four Injured Survivors Expected to Die.

BLAME DRIVER OF BUS

Crossing Watchman Testifies Warning Was Given of Approach of Train.

CLEVELAND, O., March 4.—The death list in the crash at Painesville last night between a New York Central express train and an automobile bus, mounted to 15 late today, when Mrs. Martin Steinbeck of Fairport, who sustained a fractured skull in the collision, died in the Painesville hospital.

Of the four remaining injured, one is expected to die, Nick Nanno of Fairport, who sustained a fractured skull.

George E. McGhee of Medina, who died at the Painesville hospital this morning from a fractured skull, was the fourteenth victim of the tragedy.

Claim Ample Warning. At Coroner M. H. Bradley's inquest held this afternoon to "fix the responsibility for the tragedy," A. W. Barnes, New York Central railroad watchman at the crossing, testified that the motor bus which was struck by the flyer, went on the tracks oblivious to the signal of a white lantern warning swung directly in its path for a full minute by him. Barnes testified that he saw the train's headlight when it was fully four miles away. He saw the bus coming down the street about two minutes before the crash, he said.

Barnes testified the train was going at a speed of almost 40 miles an hour at the time.

Three other railroad men were on the stand at the coroner's inquest today. They were Engineer P. S. Fernandez and Fireman Milo Cornell of the express train, and W. H. Gray, watchman at the state street gate crossing, a block away from the scene of the disaster.

Criminal prosecutions may result from Coroner Bradley's inquest. County Prosecutor Ostrander of Lake county declared late today when the inquest adjourned until Tuesday to wait for the testimony of two survivors of the crash now in the hospital. They were Andrew Adams, driver of the bus, and Charles F. Sullivan, both of Painesville.

We propose to determine at once whether criminal prosecution can be brought by fixing personal responsibility for the accident," Ostrander said.

The blame for the collision was laid by New York Central officials on the driver of the bus.

OFFICIALS FOLLOW NEW TAYLOR CLUE

Begin Investigating Details of Letter From Writer in Eastern City.

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Police detectives and others engaged in trying to solve the mystery of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, tonight began investigating details of a letter received by David L. Adams, secretary of the treasury, from a writer in an eastern city.

The letter, Capt. Adams said, bore the postmark of a Connecticut city and apparently was written by a well educated man. "If this letter is authentic," he declared, "the Taylor murder is solved."

Although the authorities declined to divulge the details of the massive letter, it was stated that the letter made some statements which fitted in with facts developed by the police in their investigation. It was written on hotel stationery and was ten pages in length.

The letter was said to have stated that Taylor had been slain, as the outgrowth of an old feud and that a man and woman were present at the time of the slaying. It said the author was leaving the country at once. Steps would be taken, it was said, to check the details of the misadventure through all possible sources and efforts also would be made to apprehend the author.

UNFOUL CONSPIRACY TO SWINDLE WAR VETERANS

ATLANTA, Ga., March 4.—Details of an alleged conspiracy by which disabled world war veterans have been defrauded by theft of compensation checks from the veterans' bureau here totaling between \$6,000 and \$10,000, became known today when federal officials were notified of the arrest of John O. Locke at Atlanta, O. Three other men also are held in connection with the alleged conspiracy, it was stated. Their names were given as Gerald E. Norris, former clerk in the finance department of the veterans' bureau here; Albert Giffin, also employed at the veterans' bureau; and William L. Wood, Jr., all of Atlanta. Secret service agents declared they have evidence which will connect other persons, including women, with the alleged conspiracy.

Wednesday all roads will lead to the Brandon-Durrell store. Great Fire Sale South Bend has ever seen.

First Woman in House of Lords



Viscountess Rhonda is the first woman to be seated in the British house of lords. That, after a recent contest, she won by right of having succeeded to her father's title.

FLEISCHMANN CASE HELD UP PENDING HEARING BY BLAIR

Internal Revenue Commissioner Grants Suspension of Haynes' Order.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Orders by the Internal Revenue Commissioner Haynes, revoking the industrial alcohol permits of the Fleischmann Co., Inc., of New York, and eleven of its agencies, were suspended until Tuesday tonight by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair. The orders were suspended, Mr. Blair said, pending a rehearing of the case on Tuesday. He added that he, himself, would hear the case.

Mr. Blair's action was taken upon the request of counsel for the Fleischmann Co., for an appeal from the Philadelphia before S. P. Rutter, chief assistant federal prohibition director for Pennsylvania, upon whose recommendation Mr. Haynes issued the revocation order.

A final decision will be reached on Tuesday, Mr. Blair said, at the conclusion of a hearing which he will conduct himself, but meanwhile the whole matter is to be held in abeyance, orders for the seizure of alcohol in Philadelphia agencies being held up, but the company agreeing not to dispose of any alcohol pending the determination of the proceedings.

Decision to grant the Fleischmann Co., an appeal from the orders revoking its alcohol permits was reached at a conference late today between Secy Mellon, assistant secretary of the treasury, Dover, Commissioner Blair, prohibition Commissioner Haynes and Solicitor of Internal Revenue Mapes. Secy Mellon was understood to take the position that in view of the importance of the case the company was entitled to an appeal, as the original hearing had not been conducted before Commissioner Haynes or any actual deputy. High officials stated that Mr. Haynes was in complete accord with the decision.

Devise Control Methods. The conference, it was said, did not consider the possible effect of the revocation order upon the manufacture of yeast, but Mr. Mellon was understood to have been advised that the company could be devised for controlling the alcoholic by-product which the prohibition authorities claimed had been devoted to improper uses by agencies of the Fleischmann Co.

At New York, out of 77,000 gallons of industrial alcohol, 42,000 was said to have been diverted; at Brooklyn 526,000 gallons was handled and 123,000 gallons diverted; in New Jersey 195,000 gallons handled, 5,000 diverted; and in Bridgeport, Conn., 89,000 gallons handled, 69,595 diverted.

MURDERED MISSIONARY ANTICIPATED DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., March 4.—Dr. A. L. Shelton, reported murdered by bandits in Tibet, expected to die carrying on the work of the Christian church in that country, according to C. F. Swander, state superintendent of missions for the department. "When he left he never expected to return to this country," said Swander. He had just undergone an operation for a trouble that he expected to end his life before his next furlough. He was to remain for seven years before receiving a furlough, Swander said.

Wait for Brandon's Fire Sale. Starting Wednesday. Our entire stock offered at almost your own price.

CLAIM OPERATORS CAN REDUCE FUEL WITHOUT WAGE CUT

Pennsylvania Union Presidents Issue Statement Attacking Owners.

HAZLETON, Pa., March 4.—Coal of fuel can be reduced without a cut in the miners' wages, union presidents of the three Pennsylvania anthracite districts, today declared in a statement. The labor cost of anthracite coal cannot be figured in dollars and cents, the statement said, while the three denied that miners' pay is inflated. The statement came as an answer to the recent assertion of the anthracite operators that the cost of coal to the consumer is too high and must come down through a deflation of the scale paid to mine employees.

It was signed by Thomas Kennedy of Hazleton, C. J. Golden of Shamokin, and W. J. Brennan of Scranton. The operators were charged with avoiding any reference to a "strike" wage and at the same time to reduce of a substantial nature in their own profits, profits of the railroads, of the coal sales companies, royalty takers and distributing agents in the controversy. "It is therefore obvious," the statement went on, "that there must be some connection between the operators and all those who handle coal between the operators and the consumers."

On the question of the labor cost of anthracite the statement said:

"The operators fix the labor cost of a ton of coal at \$3.92 and they receive wholesale f. o. b. mines \$5.15 for pea coal, \$7.85 for stove coal, \$7.95 for nut coal, and \$7.60 for egg coal. People in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere in the anthracite consuming territory pay as high as \$16 a ton for coal which is more than \$12 more than the labor cost of \$3.92. Therefore a more substantial reduction can be made in the cost of coal by a cut in the profits made above the labor cost, quoted by the operators."

Featuring the program, Robert Ingelstien will show the last three reels of war pictures shown recently at the Oliver Theater, depicting American troops in action in France. The public in general and friends of the ex-service men in particular are invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

NOVA SCOTIA MINERS CONSIDER BIG STRIKE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 4.—Possibility of a strike of 12,000 Nova Scotia miners loomed today when J. B. McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer and two district board members of district 26, United Mine Workers of America, met with the Nova Scotia miners to accept a compromise wage offer made by the British Empire Steel corporation.

Although other members of the board signed the letter, some union officials expressed doubt whether the compromise measure could win approval without sanction of the three dissenting members. McLaughlin, especially, was said to have strong influence with the workers.

PLAN IMMEDIATE REBUILDING

MONTREAL, March 4.—Plans were already under way here today to replace the city hall which was almost totally destroyed by fire last night with a \$3,000,000 loss. The provincial legislature, now in session, will be asked to authorize a loan for this purpose.

THE WEATHER. Indians and Lower Michigan Fair and warmer Sunday. Monday increasing cloudiness with moderate temperature.

NICKEL HOTEL BUILDING, CITY LANDMARK, SOLD

J. B. Haberle, Well Known Business Man, Purchases Site for \$100,000.

MAY CONSTRUCT ARCADE

Say New Owner Plans to Raze Old Structure and Erect Modern Building.

A real estate transaction in which \$100,000 was said to have changed hands, and in which title to one of the oldest landmark buildings in the business district of South Bend was involved, was consummated Saturday, when John B. Haberle, well known machinist and prominent business man of this city, purchased from Louis Nickel the Nickel hotel building situated at 119 N. Main st.

Although it had been rumored for several days past that the Nickel property was about to be sold, the deal actually transferring the title to both the real estate and building was not definitely completed until Saturday afternoon. John B. Haberle, local realtor, was the man who eventually negotiated the transaction.

Mr. Haberle, new owner of the property, in an interview with the News-Times was unwilling to talk at length regarding the purchase. He did, however, admit that he bought the property, and intimated that the deal would amount well over the \$100,000 mark.

He refused to discuss his plans for the future, but intimated that he might eventually raze the building and erect a modern structure of the Arcade type, now very common in the larger cities of the country. In the Arcade type of building, a court is built in the center of the structure and small merchant stores are located on the various sides.

The property has a 65 foot frontage on Main st., and is 165 feet deep. At the present time, the hotel, which contains 48 rooms, is being operated by William Clyman, who is said to be a sub-lessee of the Kamm and Schellinger Brewing Assn. Adjoining the hotel is the Belmont restaurant on the south and the Murdoch tailor shop on the north. E. L. Burch, manager of the Blue Bird shop, has his place of business just north of the hotel establishment. Mr. Burch, it is said, holds the lease for both the tailor shop and the Blue Bird shop.

The brewing concern, it is claimed, has a hotel on the hotel portion of the building and this lease will not expire until June 24, 1929. Murdoch's lease has only one more year to run, while Burch's interest in the building will not be severed until it is sold.

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VETS TO DISCUSS BONUS BILL TODAY

Prominent Speakers to Address Mass Meeting to Initiate Support for Bill.

As prominent a retinue of local speakers as has ever been gathered on a platform in this city will be heard at a mass meeting of ex-service men, their friends and the general public to be held at the high school auditorium in furtherance of the bonus bill this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the various sections of the proposed House Bill for compensation to ex-service men, and to initiate local support for the prompt passage of the measure.

Featuring the program, Robert Ingelstien will show the last three reels of war pictures shown recently at the Oliver Theater, depicting American troops in action in France. The public in general and friends of the ex-service men in particular are invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

HELD THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

The speakers at the meeting will include Mayor Eli F. Seebert, A. R. Erskine, and Dr. C. A. Lippincott of the Studebaker Corporation; T. A. Hynes, president of the local chapter of the American Red Cross; Dr. Albert E. Monger, Rev. G. W. C. St. Louis, and Rev. George J. Finnegan, C. S. C. They will speak in favor of the proposed bonus act and will also relate upon the merits of the various plans of compensation which, according to the bill's sections, are made optional with the soldier beneficiaries.

The meeting will be one of hundreds being held throughout the United States today, initiated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will be held under local auspices of this and other service organizations.

O. K.'S PROMOTION OF MAJ. ROBERT PECK

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The senate today confirmed Maj. Robert G. Peck, as a lieutenant colonel in the regular army. Peck's commission brought the end of a long fight against him by Missouri and Kansas senators who opposed his promotion on account of a report he turned into the war department in 1918, criticizing the 35 division in France, because it was a national guard unit.

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Leader of Rubber Industry in City On Business Trip

H. S. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O., and one of the great captains of industry, was a visitor to South Bend Friday on a combined social and business trip. A visit to Mrs. Frank M. Smith, of 715 Van Buren st., a sister-in-law of Mr. Firestone, formed the social end of the visit. A. R. Erskine, president of the Studebaker Corporation, said that he had seen Mr. Firestone on business.

Mr. Firestone is one of the largest manufacturers of rubber products in the world. He was also a pioneer in this field and has perfected and patented many appliances used in the making of automobile tires. He remained in South Bend but a few hours, leaving here for Akron.

CO-OP SOCIETY TO RESUME BUSINESS. U. S. JUDGE ORDERS

Bankruptcy Petition Dropped Following Settlement With Creditors.

A settlement between the creditors of the Cooperative Society of America and Harrison Parker, president of the society, whereby the petitions of bankruptcy and receivership will be withdrawn and the society will again begin business, was effected yesterday. Under the terms of the agreement as presented to Judge Evan Evans of the federal court, Chicago, three trustees will manage the affairs of the society. Judge Evans will name two trustees and Parker will be the third. Mrs. Edith Parker, wife of the president, will return to the society all securities held by her, including those of the Great Western Security Co., according to the stipulations of the agreement.

Clements Issues Statement. Walter Clements, attorney for the South Bend creditors, last night affirmed the settlement. He immediately got into communication with officials in Chicago, and shortly afterwards issued the following statement:

"Under the arrangements agreed upon Saturday in the United States district court of Federal Judge Evan Evans the plaintiffs are to receive one-half of the assets of the Cooperative Society of America, and the other half is to be paid to the creditors of the 'Co-op.'"

South Bend has been one of the storm centers in this suit which was one of the most sensational ever staged in the middle west. Several officials in Chicago, who were participants in the suddenly effected settlement which came about today, are being sought.

About 10 days ago a settlement between the two parties had been arranged but the "Co-op's" suddenly changed their minds. Several of the Cooperative adherents then asked for an injunction on the ground that Federal Judge Evans and the Central Trust Co. had entered into a conspiracy to wreck the "Co-op's."

This petition was dismissed by Judge Carpenter as being without foundation.

On Monday last a bill of prejudice was filed in the court of Judge Evans, who granted the change of venue. Following this, on motion of Pres. Parker, the bill of prejudice was withdrawn and an apology extended to Judge Evans before whom and with whose approval the settlement was made today.

MURDERER FREED

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 4.—Ralph Calosky was released from jail today when a coroner's jury returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide." Ralph was arrested last night after his brother Joseph had been shot and killed. Relatives of the man testified the latter killed his brother when the latter attacked his own wife, and they turned on the brother who interfered.

TEXTILE STRIKERS REACH COMPROMISE

Second of Rhode Island Mills Makes Satisfactory Agreement With Workers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 4.—Announcement was made today by the management of the Woonsocket Falls mills at Woonsocket, R. I., that the strike in that plant, which began three weeks ago, has been settled by compromise. The mill, which employs 150 hands in the manufacture of plush, will reopen Monday morning. This is the second plant in the Blackstone valley to make peace with the strikers. Earlier in the week the Acme Finishing Co. in Pawtucket had agreed to cancel its notice of a 54-hour week and a 25 per cent wage reduction. The Woonsocket Falls mills will retain the 48-hour week, and the workers will accept wage reductions from six to 10 per cent. Tonight both James M. Dick, organizer of the Amalgamated Textile Workers, who is heading the strike forces in the Pawtucket valley and Thomas McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers, declared that Monday morning would see renewed activity in all sections of the Rhode Island textile area.

DANCING'S THE THING

CHICAGO, March 4.—Men students at the University of Chicago spent \$164,399 for books in three months and \$175,999 for dances, according to a survey made public today by The Phoenix, a campus magazine. The survey also indicates that they spent \$3,822 for cosmetics every quarter.

Every woman in this vicinity should attend Brandon's Great Fire Sale, which starts Wednesday Morning.

MANY WITNESS DARING HOLDUP AT BLACKSTONE

Mrs. Madge Hardy Forced to Give Up Sack Containing \$23 at Point of Gun.

ESCAPES AFTER SCREAM

Robber Overlooks Large Sum and Flees Through Saturday Shopping Crowd.

A lone bandit, operating in big city fashion, snatched his way through the swarm of Saturday night shoppers, came up to Mrs. Madge Hardy, a shopper at the Blackstone theater, 214 S. Michigan st., pointed a 22 caliber revolver at her head, and before she was able to realize what was taking place he had secured a sack of money amounting to between \$22 and \$30. A shrill scream by Mrs. D. Kiefer, the other cashier, interrupted the hold-up, and the bandit fled. Several hundred dollars, which was within his reach. The hold-up occurred at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Kiefer's cry proved to be the desperado's cue for retreat, and this he manipulated in such a clever manner that several shouts of police were unable to gain a trace of him after he disappeared into the crowd of people at Michigan and Jefferson streets.

That the bandit had well laid plans for the staging of the hold-up is the belief of the police and attaches of the theater, because of the fact that the deed was timed almost perfectly. Ordinarily, a member of the local police department is stationed as a protector of the "bill" at the movie theater, but on Saturday night the movie was a performance of a play which was being performed just after 10 o'clock. Hostler left the box office to make his report to police headquarters.

Feigns Ticket Purchase. Both Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Kiefer were totaling up the cash receipts of the day and had the money bag in their hands. Mrs. Hardy counted in preparation to placing it in a sack when the robber entered. Feigning the purchase of a ticket to the show, he snatched his hand into his overcoat pocket, and the next instant had the two women covered with a smoking 22 caliber revolver.

Without hesitation, he ordered Mrs. Hardy to give him the cash which was spread out in piles just inside the window of the office. Mrs. Hardy, stunned for a moment, handed the money. Mrs. Kiefer, however, had the two women covered with a smoking 22 caliber revolver. Without hesitation, he ordered Mrs. Hardy to give him the cash which was spread out in piles just inside the window of the office. Mrs. Hardy, stunned for a moment, handed the money. Mrs. Kiefer, however, had the two women covered with a smoking 22 caliber revolver.